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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, OVIP, MY

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PETRONAS CHAIRMAN RAZALEIGH TO U. S.

REF: STATE 180389 AND PREVIOUS.

1. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT WHEN WE LEARNED RAZALEIGH WOULD BE PASSING THROUGH NEW YORK EN ROUTE FROM TEXAS TO LONDON, WE ASKED YOUR VIEWS ON INVITING HIM TO STOP OFF BRIEFLY IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS EN ROUTE. WITH YOUR ENDORSEMENT INVITATION WAS THEN EXTENDED THROUGH MALAYSIAN EMBASSY HERE. MALAYSIAN COUNSELOR KARIM PHONED JULY 31 TO SAY THAT REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM RAZALEIGH TO OUR INVITATION. RAZALEIGH REGRETTED THAT TIGHT SCHEDULE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN WORKED OUT FOR HIM WOULD NOT PERMIT STOP IN WASHINGTON. IF CONVENIENT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB, HOWEVER, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH HIM IN NEW YORK ON MORNING OF AUGUST 23.

2. APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO RAZALEIGH THAT MAIN THOUGHT BEHIND OUR INVITATION WAS THAT HE COULD MEET WITH A CROSS-SECTION OF VARIOUS RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST, PARTICULARLY IN THE
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ECONOMIC FIELD. WE REGRET HIS SCHEDULE ON THIS TRIP DOES

NOT PERMIT WASHINGTON STOP AND SUCH BROAD RANGING DISCUS-

SIONS. WE HOPE THAT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY
FOR TALKS SUCH AS WE PROPOSED WILL OCCUR AT A LATER DATE.
SHOULD EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT RAZALEIGH'S FEATHERS WOULD BE
UNDULY RUFFLED BY THIS REPLY, LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY.
HABIB WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET HIM IN NEW YORK, IF YOU
THINK IT DESIRABLE. INGERSOLL

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